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25X1 1. The 97 Air Bombardment Regiment [redacted] belongs to the 37 Air Division
25X1 whose headquarters are in Sombor. This division also includes the 98
and 99 Air Bombardment Regiments. When the 97 Air Bombardment Regiment
was temporarily assigned for training to the airfield at Zemunik (east
of Zadar), the 98 Bombardment Regiment replaced it at the Velika Gorica
airfield.

2. The 97 Bombardment Regiment has 28 Soviet-type PE-2 aircraft which can also be used for dive bombing. The specifications of the aircraft are as follows:

Capacity: 600-1,200 kilograms bomb load; 1,500 liters of gasoline (with auxiliary tanks, 2,000 liters of gasoline).

Armament: 3 Soviet-type "Berezin" 12 mm heavy machine guns and 2 "Shkas" type 7.62 mm machine guns.

Speed : 380-400 kilometers per hour with load, and 560 kilometers per hour without load.

Crew : Pilot, mechanic and observer.

3. There is a total of 400 persons including officers in the regiment. There are 36-38 pilots, 34 gunners and 36 navigators, all of whom hold officer ranks from ensign bearer to captain. The majority have graduated from aviation schools in the Soviet Union. Among them are seven senior Yugoslav pilots who are commanders of training squadrons.

4. Officers of 97 Bombardment Regiment:

Commander of the Regiment: Second Lieutenant (sic) Milan Polak. Trained in the Soviet Union.

Deputy Commander of the Regiment: Second Lieutenant (sic) Dubrovec.

Political Commissar: Major Emil Dabo.

Chief of Staff: Major Mihailo Mladenovic. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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Adjutant: Ensign bearer Plavsic.

Technical Engineer: First Lieutenant Buljduja (sic).

Commander of 1 Squadron: Second Lieutenant Davidovic.

Commander of 2 Squadron: Second Lieutenant Stanko Makovec.

Commander of 3 Squadron: First Lieutenant Mehmed Lasic.

Engineer of the Regiment: Second Lieutenant Dervis.

Engineer of 1 Squadron: First Lieutenant Avgust Gebela.

Engineer of 2 Squadron: Second Lieutenant Mustafa Bajo.

Engineer of 3 Squadron: Second Lieutenant Stojkovic.

Armament Engineer: First Lieutenant Mate Golub.

Chief of the Political Section of Regiment: Captain Brkic.

SKOJ Representative: Second Lieutenant Srlic.

Military and Civil Legal Officer: Captain Silvija Vlahovic. The
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